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## Arrivals.

Dec. 29, Viscount Canning, Siam, str., 531, Gotthel, Bombay and Singapore, Nov. 26, Dec. 16, 2,300 bales Cotton.—Yung Far Hong.

## Departures.

Dec. 29, Flora, for Singapore and Bombay. 23, Columbine, for Shanghai. 23, China, for Shanghai. 23, Taffurite, for Havre. 23, Glendoe, for Whampoa. 23, Navorth Castle, for Madras. 23, Costa Rica, for Foochow. 23, Tedi, for Singapore. 23, Johanna, for Whampoa. 23, Naiden, for Saigon. 23, Mongol, for Yokohama.

## Shipping Reports.

The Siamese steamer Viscount Canning, from Bombay via Singapore, reports fine weather, wind from E. to N.E. all the passage. On 22d Dec. in lat. 6.30 N., long. 115 E. spoke the British ship Galewar from Manila bound to Cork.

## New Advertisements

BY PERMISSION OF THE COLONIAL GOVERNMENT.

WILL be published at the "China Mail" Office, the course of three weeks, the Report of the Commission of Enquiry into the PENANG RIOTS, together with the Proceedings of the Committee, Evidence, &c. Intending Subscribers are requested to register their orders without delay at the "China Mail" Office in Hongkong, as but a limited number of the Report will be for sale.

The Report will occupy about 150 Foolscap folio pages, enclosed in a neat wrapper, and will be sold at the rate of \$3 for a single copy and a reduction of 50 cents upon each additional copy purchased.

L. T. DE MELLO, Publisher.

EMPLOYMENT WANTED, by a young MAN, (English) aged 30, of business habits, and several years experience in Hongkong. Apply by letter, "A.B.C.," care of Office of this Paper. Hongkong, December 28, 1868.

ON and after January 1st, 1869, and until further notice, the Price of the to all Purchasers will be Three cents per pound.

H. O'HARA, Agent Tudor Co.

Ice House, Hongkong, Dec. 28, 1868. 7ja

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE. THE Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders of this Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 20th day of January next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the statement of accounts with the Report of the Directors, and of declaring a Dividend.

By order of the Board of Directors, AUGUSTINE, HEARD & Co. General Agents.

Hongkong, December 23, 1868. 20ja

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE. THE Transfer books of the Company will be closed from the 4th day to the 19th day of January next inclusive. By order of the Board of Directors, AUGUSTINE, HEARD & Co. General Agents.

Hongkong, December 23, 1868. 19ja

LOTTERY. TWO DRAWING-ROOM SELF-ACTING ORGANS.

THE above are very fine Instruments, and an Ornament to a Drawing-Room, 100 chances at \$5 each. They are on view on the premises, 55 and 60, Wellington Street, up to the date of drawing—24th December, 1868, at 1 o'clock p.m., providing the lottery be filled up.

First prize, large Organ; second, small one. F. DA CUNHA & Co. Hongkong, December 7, 1868.

## New Advertisements.

## EXCURSION TO SAN CHUAN AND BACK.

CONSECRATION OF THE CHAPEL ERRECTED OVER THE GRAVE OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER.

HIS ceremony of consecration will take place on a Sunday in January, to be named hereafter. Persons desirous of being present thereat, will be kind enough to leave their names with Messrs DE SOUZA & Co. at the office of the Company, Hongkong, for the occasion.

By order of the Directors, DE SOUZA, Secretary.

Hongkong, December 19, 1868.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. beg to call attention to their new GOODS for the Season, received per recent arrivals.

## For Christmas Tables.

Mince Meat, Muscatels, Figs. Raisins, Crystallized Fruits. Currants, Plum Puddings. Rich Cakes, Dessert Biscuits. Orange, Lemon, and Citron Peel. Fricassées de Grenouilles. Pork Cutlets, Truffled Sausages. Whitebait, Venison, Salmon. Truffles, Vanilla, Bonbons. Prunes, Dessert Fruits. Rose Water Crackers. Cheddar, Albert and Stilton Cheese.

## A Boar's Head.

Krug's Champagne. Glenlivet Whiskey. Ports, Sherries, Bass. Liqueurs in great variety. Oilman's Stores of first rate quality.

## For the Children.

A splendid assortment of Toys. Christmas Tree Ornaments. Games and Books of Games. Illustrated Gift Books. Ricking Horses—Dragées. A Child's Swing.

## For Christmas and New Year's Gifts.

Parian Statuettes. Perfume Cases. Dressing Cases. Writing Cases. Flower Vases. Richly-bound and Illustrated Books. Stereoscopes, Slides and Boxes. Fancy boxes of Bonbons. Photographic Albums. Cigar Magazines and Cases. Pipes and Cigar Tubes.

## In General New Stock.

Sporting Gear of all kinds. Shooting Coats and Boots. Racing and other Saddlery and Whips. Mantelpieces, Grates, Fenders and Irons. Overland Trunks, Railway Valises. Croquet Sets, Athletic Gear. Perfumery and Brushes. Wall-papers in large variety. Sheet Lead, Stem-plates. Electro-Plate in good selection. A large Invoice of Standard Works. Novels, Books on Athletics, &c. Fashionable Collars, Ties & Scarves. Carpets, Rugs, and Curtains. Sticks and Umbrellas. Tweeds, Coatings and Flannels.

And, Many other seasonable GOODS.

Hongkong, December 9, 1868. ja8

## SAIL-MAKING.

PAWOETT & Co., having secured the services of an experienced Sail-Maker, are prepared to MAKE or REPAIR SAILS at very reasonable rates.

Hongkong, December 10, 1868. 1f

## FOR SALE AT EAST POINT.

A Complete assortment of Lowmoot and A Thornycroft PLATE, and Sheet IRON, BAR, ROD, Angle IRON and RIVETS. Double Shear, Spring and Blister STEEL, in round, square and flat bars. Babbite METAL, Muntz Yellow METAL, COPPER PLATES, Rods and Pipes. GAS FITTINGS of every description. Boiler TUBES, Pressure GUAGES, TILES, PACKING, and all kinds of Engineer's Supplies.

RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, September 1, 1868. mar10

## New Advertisements.

## NOTICE.

THE Office of the Underigned has this day been removed to No. 22 D, corner of STANLEY and POTTINGER STREETS. GRUN & Co. Hongkong, December 17, 1868.

## NOTICE.

THE Underigned having PURCHASED the Interest of the "WANHOI STEAM BAKERY," begs to notify the Public of Hongkong and Ship Masters that he is prepared to take orders for the same.

Also Ship BREAD of best quality and low rates constantly on hand or baked in quantities at short notice.

Also: Sator, Butter, Soda and Sugar BISCUITS by the Barrel, Tin or Pound. Also Corn and Rye MEAL, HOMINY, CORN STARCH, BICARB. SODA, Sale-rates and Cream TARTAR.

FLOUR of best Brands constantly on hand supplied by the Barrel, Bag, Tin or Pound.

CAKE of all kinds baked to order. The above is under the Superintendence of Mr JONATHAN PARSONS, and all orders forwarded to him, at the Bakery, or left at Messrs: MACLEOD & Co.'s will receive prompt attention.

L. P. WARD.

Hongkong, February 17, 1868.

## Auctions.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

## HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

LANE CRAWFORD & Co. have been favored with instructions to sell by Public Auction at the Quarters of Lieut. Col. HIGHT, Spring Gardens, on SATURDAY,

2nd January, 1869, at Noon.—Sundry Household FURNITURE and EFFECTS, the property of that Gentleman and of other Officers who are leaving the Colony, say—

Wardrobes, Writing Desks, Tables, Sideboards, New Rugs, Crockery, Glassware, &c., &c.

Also, Two Splendid Bay Horses—Chargers—belonging to Lieut. Col. Hight. Stands fire.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, December 28, 1868. 2ja

H. R. M. Gunboats "HARDY" and "DRAKE" will be SOLD BY AUCTION, at the NAVAL YARD, Hongkong, on TUESDAY,

the 9th February, 1869, (unless previously disposed of by private agreement). The "Hardy" is of 235 tons and 60 h. power. The "Drake" is of 235 tons and 40 h. power.

The following are the articles to be sold with each vessel, viz—

With the "Hardy." Hull complete. No masts or yards. 2 Anchors. 1124 Fathoms Cable. Awings complete, with Iron Stanchions.

Davits for 2 Boats. 1 Dingy, 14 feet. 4 Oars and Awining. 2 Down-ton's Pumps (1 complete). A pair of 30 Horse Power high pressure engines by Messrs. MANLY, SONS and FIELD, in fair working order. A set of 3 boilers, considerably worn but repairable.

Spare Gear. Cylinder Cover, ... 1 in No. 1. Cross Head, ... 1 " Eccentric Ring, ... 1 " Piston and Rod, ... 1 " Propeller (brass), ... 1 " Rod connecting, complete, ... 1 " Feed pump rod, ... 1 " Bilge do. do. ... 1 " Slide do. do. ... 1 " Guide blocks, ... 2 "

With the "Drake." Masts complete. Yards do. Rigging do. 1 Anchor. 100 Fathoms Cable. Awings complete. Davits for 3 boats. 1 Dingy, 14 feet. 2 Oars. 2 Down-ton's Pumps. All standing Sails, but square foresail.

A 40 Horse Power high pressure engine by Messrs. PENN and SONS, in good working order. The boilers of this vessel have been taken out.

Spare Gear. Cylinder Cover, ... 1 in No. 1. Eccentric Ring (brass), ... 1 " Piston, ... 1 " do. Rod, ... 1 " Plumber-block brasses, ... 1 pair. Propeller (brass), ... 1 in No. 1. Rod connecting, complete, ... 1 " Feed pump rod, ... 1 " Bilge do. do. ... 1 " Slide do. do. ... 1 " Guide blocks, ... 1 "

A. B. PRIOR, Naval Storekeeper, Hongkong, November 27, 1868. 16b4

## Auctions.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned will sell by Public Auction on WEDNESDAY,

the 30th December, 1868, at 12 o'clock, at his Sales Room, Commercial Bank Buildings—

98 fine Pabichum Oil, ... 20 Bbls. Bitters, ... 20 dozen condensed Milk, ... 100 Bbls. Cream Laid Note Paper, ... 25 dozen Electro Plated Table Spoons, ... 25 dozen Electro Plated Dessert Spoons, ... 6 large Mirrors, Gilt Frames.

A small Invoice of Walkden's Writing and Copying Inks.

And, Balance of an Invoice of Oilman's Stores, comprising—

Table Jellies, Pickles, Vinegar, Tart Fruits, Pepper, Sauces, Crystallized Fruits, Candied Peel, Potted Meats, Essences, Jams, and Jellies, Soups, Vegetables, Macaroni, Currants, Normandy Pippins, Muscatel and Valencia Raisins, &c. &c.

AND AT 1 O'CLOCK, Sundry useful Household Furniture—

comprising—covered Chairs, Couches, Easy Chairs, window Curtains and Cornices, Purdonians, Fenders and Fire Irons, Mirrors, Side Board, Tables, Chairs, Pictures, Glassware, Lamps, Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Trunks, Washstand and Toilet Sets, Bath Tub, a Sedan Chair, a Table Fountain (Rimmel's), &c., &c.

A Handsome Piano, in good order. TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 28, 1868. de30

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned has received instructions from the Administrator of the Estate of the late CURTIS BURNETT WADIA, deceased, to sell by Public Auction on WEDNESDAY,

the 6th day of January, 1869, at 12 o'clock, on the premises—

THE GROUNDS, MESSUAGES and PREMISES situate in Hollywood Road (a short distance to the westward of Messrs DE SOUZA'S Printing Office, known as section 4 of Inland Lot No. 55).

Also, Immediately after, will be sold on the Premises, the GROUNDS, MESSUAGES and PREMISES, situate in Hollywood Road, Tai Ping Shan, (a short distance to the westward of the Chinese Temple) known as Inland Lot No. 256 C.

For further particulars, apply to the Underigned.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the deeds of transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the purchaser.

Property to be at the risk of the purchaser from the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 28, 1868. jan6

## Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, FIVE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

COURT OF DIRECTORS. Chairman.—GEORGE JOHN HILLMAN, Esq. Deputy Chairman.—GEO. F. HEARD, Esq. W. H. FORBES, Esq. JAMES B. TAYLOR, Esq. SOLOMON D. SASSOON, Esq. J. A. JOSE, Esq. WILLIAM LEMANN, Esq. RICHARD ROWETT, Esq. JULIUS MENKE, Esq. E. R. BELLIOS, Esq.

Manager. Victor KRESSER, Esq. Chief Manager. DAVID MACLEAN, Esq. London Bankers.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG. INTEREST ALLOWED ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits—For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 per cent. " " 12 " 5 per cent. " " LOCAL BILL DISCOUNTED. Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

VICTOR KRESSER, Chief Manager. Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, June 17, 1868.

## Shipping.

## FOR HIO.

The 1st class North German brig "HIERONIMUS," RABEN, Master, will be despatched on the 1st January.

For Freight, apply to W. POSTAU & Co. Hongkong, December 24, 1868. 1f

## FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 1st American barque "PEKIN," W. F. SERRAVALLO, Master, will be despatched on the 1st January.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, December 28, 1868.

## FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.

The British barque "LOTA," 472 Tons Register.

Apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, December 26, 1868. 1f

## FOR NEW YORK.

The British barque "GLENDOVEER," Captain Wilson, will load here and at Whampoa, and have immediate despatch for the above port.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, December 23, 1868. 1f

## FOR MELBOURNE &amp; SYDNEY.

The Dutch barque "ZEPHYR," Capt. Oosterveld, will have quick despatch for the above ports.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, December 23, 1868. 1f

## FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.

The British barque "NEPTUNE," R. I. BERNARD, Master, of 287 tons Register, carrying capacity 6,600 piculs.

For further particulars, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, December 19, 1868.

## FOR SAIGON.

The 1st North German barque "JOHANNA MATTHILDE," Captain Lonsa, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, December 11, 1868.

## FOR SYDNEY (DIRECT).

The British barque "MILROSE," Captain KIMBREN, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JOHN BURD & Co. Hongkong, December 9, 1868. 1f

## FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The N. German barque "ALBATROSS," Capt. OCKEN, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to AUGUSTINE, HEARD & Co. Hongkong, December 15, 1868. 1f

## FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

To follow the "Marie," The British ship "GOLDEN HORN," Captain Rice, will have early despatch for the above port.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, December 2, 1868.

## FOR NAGASAKI.

The 1st British schooner "CITY OF NIAGARA," MITCHELL, Master, having engaged the larger portion of her Cargo, will meet with quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to LANDSTEIN & Co. Hongkong, November 28, 1868. 1f

## Notices to Consignees.

STEAMER AMERICAN, FROM CALCUTTA AND SINGAPORE.

On and after the 28th instant, the average bond will be for signature at the office of the undersigned, and Consignees of Cargo by the above steamer are requested to sign the same as early as possible.

JARDINE, MATHEWSON & Co. Hongkong, December 26, 1868. de30

## "LOTA" FROM LIVERPOOL.

CONSIGNES of Cargo by the above-named vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the undersigned for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the ship's discharge will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, December 24, 1868. de31

## THE following cases have been landed.

and stored at the risk and expense of the Consignees, who are requested to take immediate delivery.

Ex "Hoogy," 31st October, 1868. 1 case Arms, &c. C. BERTRAND, Principal Agent, Hongkong, December 9, 1868.

## FOR SINGAPORE.

The Brit. Steamship "SAKURA," Captain Brazley, will have quick despatch for the above port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, December 18, 1868.



## NOTICES OF FIRMS.

**NOTICE.**  
The Interest and Responsibility of Mr. WILLIAM NELSON in our Firm ceased on the 30th June last.  
Mr. TOSIAS FIM, Mr. WILLIAM NELSON, and Mr. H. SEYMOUR GEARY are authorized to sign our Firm in Hongkong and China from this date.  
OLYFANT & Co.  
Hongkong, October 6, 1868.

**NOTICE.**  
I HAVE this day authorized Mr. C. LANGDON DAVIES to sign my name per procreation to all orders for goods supplied to the Hongkong Hotel, and I alone am liable to pay for goods supplied upon such orders.  
I have further authorized Mr. Davies to collect all debts due to me on Hotel account, for which his receipt will be a sufficient discharge.  
LEE AFOONG.  
Hongkong, December 1, 1868.

**NOTICE.**  
Mr. C. J. H. SCHROEDER, is authorized to sign our Firm per procreation, from this date.  
SCHWANBECK & THIEL.  
Saigon, November 14, 1868.

**NOTICE.**  
Mr. C. EMIL BADE has been admitted a Partner in our Firm here and at Shanghai from the 1st October, 1868.  
EDUARD SCHULTESS & Co.  
Hongkong, December 6, 1868.

**NOTICE.**  
I HAVE this day established myself as a PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, AVERAGE ADJUSTER and GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.  
C. LANGDON DAVIES.  
Hongkong, July 1, 1868.

**NOTICE.**  
FROM and after this date Mr. GEORGE F. BOWMAN will act as AGENT of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company at this Port.  
S. L. PHELPS, Agent.  
Hongkong, August 15, 1867.

**NOTICE.**  
Mr. HENRY LISTON DALRYMPLE is authorized to sign our Firm per procreation, at Poochoo from this date.  
BIRLEY & Co.  
Hongkong, June 3, 1868.

**NOTICE.**  
I HAVE established myself at this Port as General Commission Merchant, under the Style and Firm of GIFFORD F. PARKER & Co.  
GIFFORD FORBES PARKER.  
Saigon, December 20, 1867.

**NOTICE.**  
We have authorized Mr. CLAUDE BUNDE to sign our Firm from this date.  
DREYER & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

## For Sale.

**EX RED DEER & DUNKELD.**  
FOR SALE, at moderate prices and in lots to suit purchasers:  
Prime York HAMS.  
Prime Strassburg BACON.  
North White CHEESE.  
Scotch WHISKY, "Mountain Dew."  
Guinness' STOUT in pints.  
Do, do, in quarts.  
Bass' ALE in pints.  
Do, do, in quarts.  
Apply to  
J. F. ROSE,  
Wellington Street.  
Hongkong, December 21, 1868.

**FOR SALE.**  
THE Copyright and Plant of the Shanghai Recorder, Daily Newspaper, and Supreme Court and Consular Gazette, Weekly Newspaper, or one-half interest in the same.  
Tenders to be received on or before the 20th instant. For particulars, apply at the Office.  
Shanghai, 5th December, 1868.

**FOR SALE.**  
Ex "Whitehall," Red Deer, and other Arrivals.  
BASS' ALE in half-gallons and children's. Do, in glass, quarts and pints. Guinness' DOBBLIN in qts. and pints. Barclay & Co's. PORTER in wood. Hennessy's Pale BRANDY in bottle. Gates & Co's. superior Pale BRANDY in bottle. Barlaque's superior fine Champagne COGNAC. Duff Gordon's SHERRIES, from \$7.50 to \$13 per dozen. Light dinner SHERRY at \$6 per dozen. Tawny Old PORT. Full flavored fruit PORT. Swain and Bood's Ginger WINE and Ginger BRANDY. Oilman's Stock of every description, from Crosse & Blackwell and J. T. Morton; Compton Brothers' HAMS, CHEESE and BACON; Oxford, Cambridge and German SAUSAGES, Paté de Foie Gras TRUFFLES, Assorted Truffled Game and Meat PATES. Penicott TRUFFLES, at LAMBERT ATKINSON & Co.  
Hongkong, December 14, 1868.

**FOR SALE.**  
Ex Recent Arrivals.  
AMERICAN Prime Meat BEEF, in barrels and half-barrels. Hamburg Prime Meat BEEF, in barrels. Prime Danish Meat BEEF, in 7 lb. tins, quite fresh. Muller's celebrated LAGERBEER, in cases of 4 doz. quarts at \$8 per case. Deetjen's Bremen PALE ALE in quarts, at LAMBERT ATKINSON & Co.  
Hongkong, December 14, 1868.

**Ex "Whitehall," and Mail.**  
CHOCOLATE MENIER, in Plain and Handmade boxes.  
Bohemian Vases, fancy Toilet Sets, and a great variety of New Goods, suitable for Christmas Presents.  
Bonbons, Mocha Nuts, Cakes, Mince-meat, fancy Dessert Fruits, Confectionery, Toys, &c.  
Also, Christy's New Shape Felt Hats, Neckties, and Scarves, in great variety; Fancy Coatings, &c., &c.  
S. W. BAKER & Co.  
Hongkong, December 11, 1868.

## For Sale.

Just Received from France and for Sale by the Undersigned.  
**A** Fresh supply of BUTTER in Bottles, in finest condition.  
Gruyere CHEESE.  
French CHOCOLATE at 75c. per lb.  
A fine assortment of French BUNBONS, and CONFECTIONERY.  
FRUITS in juice, from Teyssonneau.  
Do, in Brandy.  
Crystallized FRUIT, BONBONS with Mottos, &c.  
A large assortment of VEGETABLES in tins. MACCARONI and VERMICELLI, French MUSTARD, French Salad OIL, French white Wine VINEGAR, LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co.  
Hongkong, December 14, 1868.

## INSURANCES.

**THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
CAPITAL 2,000,000 DOLLARS, in 2,000 Shares of 1,000 Dollars each.

Consulting Committee:—  
GEORGE F. HEARD, Esq.  
WM. KAYE, Esq.  
R. ROWETT, Esq.  
S. D. SASSOON, Esq.  
General Managers.—Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
Head Office, No. 39, Queen's Road.

**THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,** which expires by effluxion of time in a few months, having proved a highly successful undertaking, it has been determined by a large number of its shareholders to form a permanent Company, under the same management and with increased Capital.  
It is proposed to register the Company under the Limited Liability Ordinance, and the amount of the Capital having been fixed at Two Millions of Dollars, it is considered that Insurers will be amply secured thereby, while at the same time each shareholder will know the extent of his individual liability. The capital proposed to be called up amounts to a large sum, and provision will be made for the creation of an ample Reserve Fund, which will, it is expected, in a very short time accumulate to an amount practically to give the fullest security both to Insurers and Insured, irrespective of the unpaid Capital.  
It is intended to anticipate the termination of the Old Company, by dissolving it from and after the 31st December next, and measures are being taken for that purpose.  
In anticipating a successful career for the New Company, it is only necessary to present to the public the results of the Old Company since its establishment in May 1866, as exhibited by the following figures:—  
The total premiums collected from the 1st May 1866 to the present time, a period of only two years and five months, amount to \$304,727.72.  
The losses which have been paid within the same period have amounted to \$130,081.22 and include the large sum of \$65,270 lost by the Fire at the Working Account, after paying all Expenses and Re-insurances to date, exceeds \$160,000.00.  
These figures fully warrant the most sanguine expectations of success, and it is but reasonable to expect that, strengthened with larger Capital, the present undertaking cannot fail to prove at least as successful as the former one. The Old Company, when it entered the field, had to create a business for itself, but the New one, in taking over the outstanding risks and connections of the Old Company, will at once receive a very large amount of premium, and enter on a profitable and organized business. Moreover, there is no doubt that the risk of Fire in Hongkong has been greatly diminished by the Building Regulations now in force, and by the establishment of a Fire Brigade.  
The following are the main features of the New Company:—  
1. A first Call of \$100, to be paid upon each share on allotment, and a further Call of \$100 to be paid in Six Months; all further Calls to be determined upon at General Meetings of the shareholders.  
2. Interest at 12 per cent per annum to be in the first instance allowed on the paid up Capital, such Interest to be payable half-yearly, on 30th June, and 30th December. The profits after deducting the said Interest to be applied thus:—20 per cent, pro rata, amongst such of the shareholders as shall have contributed to the augmentation of the Reserve Fund until it shall reach \$1,000,000, at which figure it is to be permanently maintained; and the remaining 80 per cent to be distributed by way of dividend amongst the shareholders generally.  
3. When such Reserve Fund shall have been accumulated, the payment of Interest to cease, and the profits to be applied thus:—20 per cent to be distributed as already mentioned amongst the shareholders who shall have contributed to the augmentation of the Reserve Fund; and the remainder in forming a Reserve Fund of \$250,000.  
4. No shareholder to hold more than 250 shares.  
5. The Company to be managed by General Managers, with the assistance of a Consulting Committee.  
6. The funds of the Company to be deposited in Banks or in Government Securities approved of by the Committee.  
The Deed of Association may be inspected at the Office of the General Managers, or at the Office of Mr. HENRY C. CALDWELL, the Solicitor of the Company.  
Hongkong, December 16, 1868.

**FOR SHANGHAI.**  
The steamer "TITANIA" will have immediate despatch for the above port.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.  
Hongkong, December 29, 1868.

**S. W. BAKER & Co.,**  
BEG to invite inspection of their New late arrivals, including:  
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Hongkong, December 22, 1868.

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For Sale in the Store of the Undersigned.  
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BEST SHERRY—A Montilla.  
Do. Pedro Jimenez.  
Do. Do. superior.  
Muscadine Wine.  
Sherry, twenty years old.  
Do. superlative.  
Jamaica Rum.  
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Superior Manila Coffee.  
The above Wines are all from Spain and in boxes of 12 bottles each. All at moderate prices.  
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Gage Street, No. 24.  
Hongkong, December 17, 1868.

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Rose Water Crackers.  
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By order of the Board of Directors,  
C. LANGDON DAVIES,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, November 27, 1868.

## New Advertisements.

**THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**  
The Dividend of \$300 per Share declared at the first Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 1st Inst., and confirmed at the second Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 16th Inst., will be payable at the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on and after the 31st instant.  
Shareholders are requested to apply at the office of the Company, No. 39, Queen's Road, for Warrants.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, December 20, 1868.

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
The Undersigned has received instructions from W. M. DEANE, Esq., Captain Superintendent of Police, to sell by Public Auction, at the Central Police Station, on

**THURSDAY.**  
31st Dec., 1868, at 11 o'clock A.M.—  
The undermentioned Unclaimed and Forfeited Property.  
Gold and Silver Ware, Gold and Silver Watches, Clocks, Gold and Silver Chains, Soverieigns and Rupees, Silver Coins, White Calico, Linen, Superfine Blue Cloth, Camlets, Blankets, Clothing, Bedding, Muskets, Swords, Watchmakers' Materials, Watch Glasses, Goggles, Saltetre, &c.  
Etc., Etc., Etc.  
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All lots with all faults and errors of description whatsoever at purchaser's risk upon fall of the hammer.  
GEORGE A. F. NORRIS,  
Government Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, December 29, 1868.

**FOR SHANGHAI.**  
The steamer "TITANIA" will have immediate despatch for the above port.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.  
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Board, \$45 a month. Tiffin only, \$15 a month. Dinners only, \$30 a month. One Breakfast or one Tiffin, 80 cents. One Dinner, \$1.25.  
There is an excellent assortment of wines for sale at moderate prices.  
The Charges for Lodging will be very considerably reduced. Rooms are offered to monthly lodgers at \$25, \$30, \$35, \$40, or \$45 a month.  
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**HAIR DRESSING SALOON.**  
OPEN from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M., Sundays, 8 to 12 A.M., for any Gentlemen who may feel the necessity of having any tonsorial operation performed.  
W. P. MOORE.  
Hongkong, December 8, 1868.

**NOTICE.**  
ALL Persons having claims against the Estate of the late JOHN CLARK, deceased, Acting Assistant Surveyor General, are requested to send in particulars of same on or before the 31st day of December next to  
F. I. HAZELAND,  
Solicitor.  
Supreme Court House.  
Hongkong, November 20, 1868.

**NOTICE.**  
ESTATE OF DEBT AND CO.  
A FIRST DIVIDEND of Ten per cent. upon the amount of all claims admitted by the Trustees, will be paid on the 1st January next.  
On application to the undersigned, at the office of the Trustees, Pedder's Hill, Creditors will be furnished with warrants signed by the Trustees which will be payable on presentation at the office of the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.  
By order of the Trustees,  
J. WHEELLEY,  
Hongkong, November 28, 1868.

**THE "TREATY PORTS OF CHINA AND JAPAN," AND "NOTES AND QUERIES ON CHINA AND JAPAN."**  
EXTRACTS FROM REVIEWS.  
From the "Friend of India," June 4, 1868.  
We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the numbers for the current year of "Notes and Queries on China and Japan," Anglo-Chinese monthly, edited by Mr. N. B. DENNIS, whose "Treaty Ports of China and Japan" are so well known. From the names attached to the "Notes" we can see that the contributors include some of the best Chinese scholars in the East. Its interest is not confined to China, and it will be of valuable assistance to all scholars, who have directed their attention towards the subject of Sinitianism and its literature, and generally to all who are interested in orient antiquities. It deserves to be better known in India.  
From the "Straits Times," July 27, 1868.  
Some time ago we had occasion to remark upon the progress that Literature as represented by the Press had made and was making in the East, and our attention has again been called to the subject by the receipt of a Hongkong publication which deserves some notice and which we have much pleasure in introducing to the knowledge of our readers. We allude to Notes and Queries on China and Japan, published monthly by Mr. Saint, the proprietor of the China Mail newspaper. This publication is well printed on good paper, and in size and shape is very like its well-known namesake or prototype at home, and is equally a mine containing very curious and useful information regarding the language, literature, history, manners, and customs of the Chinese and in a less degree of the Japanese. It says a good deal for the extent and stability of the footing of Europeans in China, that such a publication as this should be established and conducted with apparently successful vigour.  
The publication is altogether a very interesting one, and wishing it every success, we commend it to the attention and support of our readers.  
From the "London Examiner," May 10, 1868.  
This really useful volume ("Treaty Ports of China and Japan") is intended as a guide for travellers and residents in China and Japan, and as a book of reference for mercantile men generally. It contains an account, historical and political, of all the open ports of these countries, together with Peking, Yedo, Hongkong, and Macao. It has been carefully compiled and edited by Mr. N. B. DENNIS; and the elaborate maps and plans, with which the work abounds, considerably enhance its value.

We have thus given in outline some of the more prominent portions of the chapter devoted to Canton, as a specimen of the whole volume. Other chapters treating of Macao, Formosa, Ningpo, Shanghai, and the remainder of the treaty ports, we can only enumerate. The pages describing Peking, the capital, are so interesting, and contain so much that is new to European readers respecting its history, public buildings, and general characteristics, that we would fain transfer them to our columns. A complete and intelligible plan of the Imperial City and neighbourhood gives us an accurate notion of the relative position of its divisions, streets, and places.  
In the introductory chapter to the notices of the Treaty Ports of Japan will be found as useful history of that Empire, together with remarks on its government, geography, and limits, which will be found particularly interesting as throwing a considerable light on a part of the world so long entirely, and still comparatively unknown to Europeans. The descriptions of Nagasaki, Yedo, Yokohama, and the other Treaty Ports of Japan, are so elaborate and entertaining as those of the Chinese ports. A copious index and a useful appendix containing many hints and much appropriate advice to travellers and others, is also included in the volume. The entire work affords a vast amount of information, pleasantly written, and we doubt not will be perused with interest by many who will never visit the Eastern seas.

**NOTICE.**  
The following European passengers left this for Canton on 28th:—  
(None recorded)  
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Rev. S. B. and Mrs. Partridge; Rev. J. and Mrs. Carrington.

**SHIPPING REPORT.**  
The N. German barque Ferdinand, from Rotterdam, reports fine weather; crossed the Equator on 6th Oct., in long. 27 W.; passed the meridian of the Cape of Good Hope on 27th October, in lat. 47 S., had strong westerly gales; made Ombay Passage on 20th Nov., Gilebo Passage on 12th Dec., had light winds and calms until lat. 7 N., long. 132 E., then steady N.E. monsoon until Balintao Straits, and light winds for 2 days, thence had steady N.E. monsoon till arrival in Hongkong on 29th Dec. 114 days out.

**POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.**  
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It is hereby notified that, under the authority of a Treasury Warrant dated the 1st May last, Superintendent, or First-Class Schoolmasters in the Army will, in future, be entitled to the same privileges in regard to Letters sent by or addressed to them on their own private affairs as are at present enjoyed by Commissioned Officers in the Army; and all Army Schoolmasters will be entitled (as Army Schoolmasters) to the same privileges, in regard to their Letters, as are enjoyed by non-commissioned Officers and Private Soldiers.  
F. W. MITCHELL,  
General Post Office.  
Hongkong, July 31, 1868.

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F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.  
General Post Office,  
Hongkong, July 15, 1868.

## New Advertisements.

**BELLEVUE HOUSE.**  
PRIVATE BOARD AND LODGING ESTABLISHMENT.  
Hollywood Road, No. 6, next to the Hotel d'Europe, lately Mrs. Vinton's.  
CHARLES F. SEABURG.  
Hongkong, December 8, 1868.

**NOTICE.**  
M. R. J. THOMSON begs to intimate that he is now publishing a Series of 40 Views of HONGKONG, price \$25:—  
10 Views from Elsie, 14 by 12  
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A Small instantaneous Subjects from the DRAGON PHOTOGRAPH.  
Hongkong, September 4, 1868.

**NOTICE.**  
DOCUMENTS Translated, at reasonable rates, from English, French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese or German into Chinese, or from Chinese into English. Address:—  
The "China Mail" Office,  
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**SAYLE & Co.,**  
VICTORIA EXCHANGE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

**RESPECTFULLY** solicit inspection of their New GOODS, in the following Departments.

**SILKS.**  
Evening Dresses—Velvets.  
Lace—Fancy Dresses.  
Gloves—Hosiery.  
HABERDASHERY—Trimmings.  
Manchester—Prints.  
MANTLES—Jackets.  
Shawls—BONNETS.  
Millinery—Ladies' Outfits.  
BABY LINEN.  
Gentlemen's Hats—Gloves.  
HOSIERY.  
Cloths—Tweeds.  
Tailoring in all its Branches.

**PERFUMERY, &c.**  
Household Linens—Blankets.  
CARPETS.

**FURNISHING DRAPERY, &c.**  
P.S.—The Dress-making, Millinery and Tailoring are under the Superintendence of experienced West End hands.  
Hongkong, November 12, 1868.

**LATEST SHIPPING.**  
ARRIVALS.  
Dec. 29, Ferdinand, North German barque, 473 T. C. Meyer, Rotterdam, Sept. 6, General—Wm. PUSMAN & Co.  
Dec. 29, Mohi, N. G. barque, 360, Barg. Whampoa, Dec. 28, General.—B. RUBEN & Co.

**CLEARED.**  
Douglas, for Swatow.  
San Lorenzo, for Manila.  
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## UNDER DESPATCH.

For Swatow, Amoy, Fochow and Shanghai.—Per Douglas, on Wednesday next, the 30th instant, at 8 A.M.

**MEMO. OF CHARTERS AND SETTLEMENTS.**  
Since 12th December, 1868.

GLENDOVER, Brit. barque, 498 Tons, Whampoa to New York, at \$2.10 per ton.  
STANLEY, Brit. barque, 584 tons, Saigon to Europe at \$3.76 per ton to the United Kingdom, if to the Continent \$3.12 per ton.  
NAIADEN, Nor. barque, 237 tons, Saigon to Europe at \$3.10 per ton.  
DUNKLIN, Brit. ship, 699 tons, Saigon to Europe at \$3.5 per ton.  
ALBATROSS, N.G. barque, 414 tons, Hence to San Francisco \$6,500 in full, and from China to China at \$2 per ton.  
ZEPHYRUS, Brit. barque, 490 tons, Hence to Melbourne and Sydney \$1,600 in full.  
LYTTLETON, Brit. ship, 585 tons, Hence to Melbourne and Sydney \$1,820 in full.  
ALICE, Dan. brig, 250 tons, Hence to Singapore, \$900 in full.  
TELL, N.G. barque, 350 tons, Hence to Singapore \$1,100 in full.  
LEPTON, Brit. barque, 287 tons, Hence to Swatow at \$2 per ton.  
MANY, N.G. brig, 312 tons, Hence to Amoy at \$3 per ton.  
HARRY, N.G. barque, 456 tons, Whampoa to Ningpo, \$2,100 in full.  
ULYSSES, Fre. barque, 312 tons, Hence to Saigon, \$550 in full.  
JOHANNA, N.G. brig, 200 tons, Whampoa to Tientsin, \$2,750 in full.  
HIERONYMUS, N.G. brig, 232 tons, Hence to Hong Kong, \$2,700 in full.  
URANUS, N.G. barque, 263 tons, Hence to Yokohama at 35 cents per picul.  
Lara, N.G. schooner, 191 tons, Hence to Yokohama at 35 cents per picul.  
FARRER, Ame. barque, 540 tons, Hence to Yokohama at 40 cents per picul.  
MONROE, Feh. ship, 1064 tons, Hence to Yokohama at 32 cents per picul.  
STIKLINGSHIRE, Brit. barque, 594 tons, Hence to Yokohama at 37 cents per picul.  
CANTON, N.G. barque, 245 tons, Hence to Yokohama at 37 cents per picul.  
SOPHIE, N.G. brig, 231 tons, Hence to Yokohama, at 37 cents per picul.  
ELEANOR, Monks, Brit. brig, 194 tons, Hence to Yokohama at 35 cents per picul, and afterwards hence to Tientsin and back \$4,700 in full.  
NINA, Ame. ship, 1099 tons, Sold at Auction for \$12,000.  
Estimated Number and Tonnage of Disengaged Vessels in Hongkong.—British, 10, tons 4,609; Foreign (exclusive of Siamese), 10, tons 2,879.—Total 20, tons 7,388.  
GEO. HOLMES, Ship Broker.  
2, Pedder's Hill,  
Hongkong, 26th December, 1868.

**CARGOES.**  
(From the Canton Customs Daily Returns.)  
Per Columbia, cleared for Coast Ports:—  
800 bundles Fans.  
114 cases Glue.  
480 cases dried Lungans.  
1192 cases dried Lichees.  
342 bales Orange Peel.  
410 packages Pears.  
400 bags brown Sugar.  
175 packages white and yellow Lead.  
640 packages Sandries.  
Imported per the same from Shanghai—  
4932 piculs Wheat.  
46 packages Sundries.  
Per China, cleared for Coast Ports:—  
64 cases Glue.  
63 cases dried Indigo.  
80 packages yellow and white Lead.  
520 cases dried Lungan.  
174 cases dried Lichees.  
48 cases Lungan Pulp.  
442 bags brown Sugar.  
183 bags white Sugar.  
433 packages Sundries.  
Imported per the same from Shanghai—  
7123 piculs Wheat.  
437 packages Tobacco.  
87 packages Nankens.  
136 packages Sundries.  
Per Mohi, cleared for Ningpo:—  
90 bags Betelnuts.  
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#### THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DEC. 29, 1868.

#### WORK FOR REFORMATORIES.

Our attention has been lately drawn to  
the Reformatory at West Point, which,  
under the care of the Roman Catholic  
Mission, has for some years been unob-  
trusively doing a considerable amount of  
good amongst the native population. In  
its purely secular aspect it is worth while  
to note the results at which it aims and  
if possible lead some of our readers to  
bestow a passing thought upon them.

As its name implies it is something more  
than a mere house of refuge or hospital  
for the children of the poorer classes.

The 51 boys now under its roof are not  
brought up as merely converted reci-  
pients of Christian charity, but are  
instructed in various trades and en-  
couraged to become independent, because  
skilled, members of native society.

The principle pursued commends itself to all  
classes of the community whatever their  
religious convictions, but owing possibly  
to a general ignorance of either its exist-  
ence or objects, the institution does not  
receive the support to which it is fairly  
entitled from the outside public.

To create a monopoly in favour of any one  
section of a community is, we know,  
opposed to every principle of political  
economy; but we shall scarcely be ac-  
cused of advocating such a measure if we  
suggest that some of the occasional  
shoemaking and tailoring work which is  
now performed by fairly skilled, but  
often most impertinent and exorbitantly  
charging, native shopkeepers, might with  
advantage be given to the inmates of an  
institution such as the Reformatory.

As those in charge of it desire to make  
known this is the best charity which can  
be given in its aid, and we note it as a  
fact rather than urge it as a reason—  
appeals as much to the individual inter-  
ests of the donors as to their higher  
feelings.

We cannot but express our surprise,  
however, that an experiment of this  
nature has not been tried under other  
auspices with another class of the native  
community. At present a certain amount  
of wrong-doing is necessary to ensure  
the application of that benevolence which  
seeks to reclaim the vagrant and afford  
him the opportunity of a more honest  
life thereafter.

So in our Colonial Gaol the  
prisoner may learn a useful handi-  
craft or at least make use of any which  
he has acquired. But it would surely be  
of use to afford intelligent native boys of  
honest status the opportunity of inde-  
pendently acquiring some one of the  
many forms of manual labour for which  
the necessities of the Colony create a  
demand. Could not our Government  
school system for instance be supplement-  
ed by practical workshops? With Gov-  
ernment support they would be sure to  
pay their expenses, and a good would  
result beyond the mere fact of having  
taught a certain number of boys certain  
handicrafts, which they might have per-  
haps acquired equally well in native  
shops. They would learn punctuality  
and honesty in work. The more reflec-  
tive would perceive the use of labour-  
saving implements and machinery, and  
if an engineer shop were included in the  
establishment we might some day see  
the Railway, introduced into China by  
bona fide Chinese, or at least constructed  
under capable natives. All this is of course  
vague to a certain extent, but judging  
from the native anxiety to learn any-  
thing which will pay, might, we imagine,  
result in some practical outcome. Mean-  
time existing establishments are, as far  
as they go, well worthy of the discrimi-  
nating support of the Colonial public.

The defenders of Chinese policy are hav-  
ing a bad time of it. Upon every pos-  
sible occasion when bad faith or deceit  
can be shown the native authorities take  
special care to display it. Time after  
time are their various modes of action  
explained away by the semi-apologists  
who are unwilling to admit that the  
Chinese are radically deficient of all  
that constitutes honourable feeling. The

Formosa affair, the Yangchow affair, the  
Transit Dues, in fact everything which  
tends to hurt foreign interests, has in one  
way or another found a sort of qualified  
defender who admits the enormity of the  
act in itself but hints that the Chinese  
"may not be so wrong, you know, from  
their point of view." But what will  
such say to the latest exhibition of offi-  
cial bad faith and political stupidity?  
No foreign interests are directly touched  
this time except those of a few individ-  
uals who cannot claim the interference  
of their Governments. Tseng-kwo-fan  
has placed the foreign gunners and drill  
sergeants attached to Li-hung-chang's  
army on half pay as a prelude to their  
immediate discharge. This is a capital  
specimen of Chinese gratitude. No sooner  
has the danger of rebellion over than the  
first act is to dismiss those who mainly  
aided in its suppression, and whose ser-  
vices will most probably be again re-  
quired ere another twelve months have  
passed away. We know nothing of the  
individuals thus treated. But be  
they good, bad, or indifferent, they have  
done the Chinese Government good ser-  
vice, and merit a suitable return, which  
is scarcely afforded by the reduction of  
their pay. We shall almost begin to hope  
that the next great rebellion will be suc-  
cessful. Chinese Imperialism, with every  
chance during the last ten years, has  
shown itself deceitful and impotent  
for good, and its downfall, however  
distressing to Sir Rutherford Alcock, will  
be the signal for a firm and necessary  
intervention. There is no need now-a-  
days to wade through fields of blood to  
overthrow a dynasty, and the withdrawal  
of foreign support will cast down that  
of China in a few months.

#### LOCAL.

Most of our readers will share the regret  
with which we notify the death of Mr  
William Gaskell, one of the oldest residents  
in this Colony. He was educated in Eng-  
land, and at an early age proceeded to  
Sydney in Australia, which he left for Hong-  
kong in 1846—just two years ago. He  
practised with much success and was  
the leading man here in his profession in  
the death of his wife in 1854, when, for  
change of scene, he returned to Australia,  
whence he returned, having married again,  
in 1856. In 1859 he retired from business,  
having achieved a competency. But the  
increasing expenses of his family necessitated  
his again resuming practice, which he did  
in 1865, reviving much of his old business  
connection with those who had known  
him formerly. He died this morning be-  
tween 8 and 9 o'clock, and was buried at 5  
p.m. in the cemetery at Happy Valley.  
With his exact age we are not acquainted.

Few residents in this colony have experi-  
enced a more general esteem than the  
deceased gentleman. He was in truth one  
of the best-hearted and most unselfish  
men, and his loss is deplored not only in his  
own circle but by many of those who had  
but little social intercourse with him. His  
recent trip to Japan would, it was hoped,  
have restored his failing health, but a re-  
lapse set in from which he never rallied.  
He leaves a wife and family to mourn his  
loss.

A VERY interesting ceremony took place  
on Monday in the Chapel of the Roman  
Catholic Reformatory at West Point, Fa-  
ther Borgogni having administered Bap-  
tism to some of the Chinese Adults of the  
Institution, several Ladies and Gentlemen  
attending as Sponsors and otherwise taking  
part in the rite.

We hear that the representative here of His  
Prussian Majesty has been victimized by  
the disappearance of his servant. It ap-  
pears that the boy had been well treated,  
and received \$5 to pay his expenses for a  
trip of ten days to Macao; but the rare  
growth of gratefulness was as rare as ever  
in this Celestial specimen's constitution,  
and he has neglected to return. Whether  
any valuable property beyond \$12 stolen  
from a shopkeeper has been stolen, is not  
yet fully known.

SUMMARY JURISDICTION COURT.  
Only nineteen cases appeared on the roll  
to-day, a considerable number of which  
were struck out or postponed. The sole  
case of any public interest was an applica-  
tion, on the part of the Trustees of the Sail-  
or's Home, for exemption of that institu-  
tion from the payment of taxes usually  
imposed by valuations in the streets of the  
Colony. Mr. Caldwell appeared on be-  
half of the Trustees of the Home, and urged  
a case in support of the application, lately  
decided in Liverpool, in which a charitable  
institution was exempted, similar to that  
now applied for. Messrs. Gordon and Col-  
lins, valuers, appeared on behalf of the  
Treasury. Mr. Caldwell, by way of proving  
that the Sailors' Home was a charitable  
institution under the statute, stated that the  
Board had in a measure recognized the  
character of the institution by grant-  
ing a piece of ground, at a merely  
nominal rental, upon which to erect  
the building at West Point—the ad-  
jacent lot to which was valued at the  
time at about \$18,000. His Honour ap-  
peared to recognize the force of this fact,  
but said that he did not exactly see that a  
charitable and bowling-alley came under the  
classification of charitable institutions. Mr.  
any valuer in reply, said that every chari-  
table institution must be possessed of some  
means of support. The Sailors' Home kept  
a canteen and a bowling-alley in order in  
some measure to support the establish-  
ment; but the institution was even now  
very heavily in debt; and he put it to his  
Honour whether or not it should be recogni-  
sed as a charitable institution, and be ex-  
empted from Colonial rates and taxes ac-  
cordingly.—His Honour said he would look  
into the matter, and give judgment next  
Court day.

#### TO-DAY'S POLICE.

Mr. Goodlake sat to-day, but very few  
cases possessed any public importance.  
E. W. Blackwood, boarding-house keep-  
er, was summoned by Thomas Newman,  
seaman, for having unlawfully harbored  
and detained defendant, the said defendant  
being a seaman on the articles of the *Asia*  
*Edridge*; and the defendant's runner  
(Edward Davies) was also summoned for  
having enticed complainant to desert from  
the said ship. Defendant produced a dis-  
charge, stamped and in due form, from the

American Consul, upon the strength of  
which he had shipped complainant on board  
the *Outwater*. Complainant was ordered to  
pay \$5 amends for having brought a  
frivolous charge against the defendant  
Blackwood; and the charge against Davies  
was dismissed without being gone into.

#### THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY LIMITED.

The ordinary general meeting of sharehold-  
ers of the above Company called for this day  
was adjourned until this day fortnight,  
upon the motion of Mr. Dalbousie, seconded  
by Mr. Overbeck. There were only five  
gentlemen present up to 3 p.m., half-an-  
hour after the advertised time, and as twelve  
form a quorum, the hope of obtaining that  
number was not entertained: hence the ad-  
journment.

The following is the report to be pre-  
sented:—

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The Directors have now to submit to the  
Shareholders a Statement of the position of  
the Company, as it appeared on the 1st  
December, 1868, and regret that, owing to  
the fact of no proper books having been  
kept during the last few months of the  
Company's working, they are unable to lay  
before the Shareholders a profit and loss  
account, or, in fact, any detailed accounts  
whatsoever.

The Company were singularly unfortu-  
nate, at the commencement of their business,  
in having a Manager who was, to say the  
least of it, utterly incompetent for the post,  
and who failed to discharge the duties re-  
quired of him in the manner the Company  
was entitled to expect, from the high stand-  
ards to which his character and ability upon the  
faith of which he was selected in England  
from numerous applicants. The wasteful  
expenditure, the utter absence of all su-  
pervision or control over the Servants and  
Establishment generally, and the entire  
want of method and system, led to the  
only results to be expected from such a  
course of conduct, and resulted in a very  
heavy loss to the Company, which, how-  
ever, owing to the absence of any proper  
books or accounts, it is impossible to state  
exactly.

Upon a reconstruction of the Board, a  
thorough investigation into the Company's  
affairs led to a complete re-organization of  
the Company's Staff, and the introduction  
of method and system in the conduct of  
the business.

This, the Directors are glad to say, has  
sufficiently shown that the Company's  
property is a good and remunerative in-  
vestment, as, even at a time of year when  
the Company cannot expect such a flow of  
business as they had in the first few months  
after opening of the Hotel, the receipts are  
sufficient to pay all outgoings, and leave a  
profit to the Shareholders.

Even as matters now stand, the returns  
from what may be called fixed rental of part  
of the Company's premises, amount to  
\$730 per month, while the whole of the  
upper part of Marine House is at present  
unoccupied and, when let, will materially  
increase this item of revenue.

The Bedrooms and Dining Rooms of the  
Hotel are at present farmed out at a rental  
of \$800 per month, the Contractor paying ser-  
vants' wages, gas bill, and all attendant  
charges.

The Bar and Billiard Rooms may be  
safely depended upon, even under present  
circumstances, to return a net income of  
\$1,200 per month after paying all salaries  
and expenses, which amount will, of course,  
be considerably enhanced in the event of  
there being that increase of shipping at the  
port, which is usual during the first six  
months of the year, and which previous ex-  
perience leads the Directors to hope for.

The Directors feel some confidence in as-  
suring the Shareholders, that the difficulties  
necessarily attendant upon starting a large  
concern have been completely surmounted,  
and that the Company have now the finest  
Hotel in the East, replete with everything  
necessary for the comfort and convenience  
of Travellers, and the maintenance of the  
Establishment as a First Class Hotel, while  
the Company's Staff is efficient, and the  
Contractor for the Messing department gives  
universal satisfaction.

In addition to the satisfactory state of the  
Company's property and business, it is  
gratifying reflection that a great deal of  
the expenditure necessary to start the busi-  
ness, and which swells the amount at the  
debit of the Company at present, is of a  
class that can never recur, and there is  
therefore a certainty that at the end of  
1869, the Directors will be in a position to  
exhibit a much more favourable balance-  
sheet, and show sufficient funds in hand to  
justify the payment of a dividend, unless it  
should be thought more advisable to apply  
all the profits to reduction or extinction of  
the loans now held by the Company.

The Directors do not wish to raise un-  
necessary expectations, but they are not  
without hopes of selling Marine House,  
thus reducing the debt of the Company,  
and of placing the Hotel generally on a  
much more remunerative basis than at present.

DIRECTORS:—Messrs. Walker, Bellios,  
Overbeck and Dalbousie have joined the  
Board. In accordance with § 80 of the Ar-  
ticles of Association these gentlemen retire,  
but being eligible offer themselves for re-  
election.

By Order of the Directors,  
C. LANGDON DAVIES,  
Secretary.

Statement of Assets and Liability of the  
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, on the  
30th day of December 1868.

ASSETS.  
Hotel Buildings and Furni-  
ture, and Marine House,..... \$358,912.84  
Outstanding Accounts,..... \$6,482.92  
Stores and Wine on hand,..... \$2,008.40  
Cash on hand,..... \$216.70  
Stores not yet Landed (as  
per Invoice),..... \$2,309.68  
107 Shares the Property of  
the Company, and deposited  
with the Company's Banker,  
\$18,700.00

LIABILITIES.  
\$370,550.44  
2,000 Shares at \$100 each,..... \$200,000.00  
Ditto to Banks, including  
Interest to date,..... \$161,276.85  
Sundry Creditors,..... \$9,253.59  
\$370,550.44

E. & O. E.  
Hongkong, 1st December, 1868.

#### HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI PUBLIC COMPANIES.

It may be a question whether people in  
China will ever get to the end of serious  
losses, or over see the good time which they  
so often long for without any very clear  
signs of its coming. We all hope for better  
times; we all cherish a vague desire for the  
commencement of a steady business. Our  
London comrades lecture us like school-boys  
elaborating their forthrightly theme with  
platitudes meant to be startling, but which  
only want a few quotations from Shakes-  
peare or Tennyson, to make them philoso-  
phically poetical. They are kind enough to  
inform us that, if we bought tea and silk  
cheaply, we would make more money;  
and imply that if they were in China they  
would act on this principle. Still, if we  
cannot look forward with confidence to any-  
thing but an uncertain future for the China  
trade, we can at least point to increased  
prudence in its management, and to the  
prevalence of sounder views touching econ-  
omy and expenditure. As to local business  
and the condition of public companies, the  
prospects are better for them than has  
been the case for years; and it is un-  
doubtedly true that Shanghai has recovered from  
a state of considerable depression, and con-  
tinues to improve, if not to flourish.

Of all the local companies, the Hongkong  
and Shanghai Bank takes the lead. Pro-  
jected at a critical period in the financial  
history of Shanghai, its career has been one  
of steady progress. It is true that its pro-  
sperity and managers had before them, as  
both warning and guide, the utter ruin of  
a large number of houses of the highest  
reputation, as well as of several banks; and  
they have escaped the entanglements of  
disastrous failures. This bank was estab-  
lished in the very midst of the financial storm  
which swept away a large proportion of the  
Shanghai mercantile houses, but it was not  
taken unawares.

It passed through the  
crisis under cautious and judicious manage-  
ment, and it has wrought up to magnificent  
success. As a London contemporary ob-  
serves in reference to it, "There is nothing  
like this in banking history, in the same  
space of time, except the large business  
done, the great profits realised, and the im-  
portant position achieved by the London  
and Westminster Bank, on a capital almost  
nominal when compared with the amount  
of its deposits, dividends, and transactions."

It is the most important public company in  
China, and besides being popular on account  
of its desire to serve itself by serving the  
public, its stock offers a wide field for in-  
vestment, yielding a high and steady divi-  
dend, and offering brilliant prospects for the  
future. The object of the Bank is to make  
money for the public by making money out of  
the public; this is one of the principal se-  
crets of its success. Banking is a business  
of the public, and not one undertaken as a  
favour to the mercantile community; and  
one of the results of recognising this policy,  
is that the Hongkong Bank has attained to  
a position of remarkable and almost im-  
pregnable strength. There is no scheme in the  
East that promises so well, as a safe and lu-  
crative investment, with a reserve fund  
on 30th June last of \$500,000, and doubt-  
less by the present time of about \$25,000,  
a better guarantee of prosperity and stability  
than its dividend of 12 per cent, and a  
quarter of a million of dollars carried annu-  
ally to reserve, could scarcely be desired.

But the Directors act wisely in thoroughly  
consolidating the Bank, and in providing  
for its reserved strength, before they de-  
clare dividends. They can so well  
afford both to give a satisfactory dividend  
and to carry a large sum annually to re-  
serve, that no one will be inclined to ques-  
tion the wisdom of the large appropriations  
that they have thought it prudent to make.

At the same time, shareholders may look  
forward to the not very distant time when  
the annual quarterly dividend of 10 per cent  
will reach a sum which over the long run  
will deem ample; and when a large di-  
vidend will in all human probability be the  
reward of their patience. There are few  
institutions in the East which, take them  
all in all, will bear equal comparison with  
the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, in point  
of rapidity and genuineness of success, of  
influence and stability, and of well-founded  
prospects of a prosperous future.

Facing the Hongkong and Shang-  
hai Bank is the great foreign enter-  
prise in the Far East is the Shanghai Steam  
Navigation Co. Launched at a time when  
the steamer mania was rapidly developing,  
it was soon rendered famous by its mis-  
fortunes; and at one time, it seemed as if  
it were surely hastening on to ruin. But  
the shareholders courageously clung to it  
with patience, and in mute agony; and in  
the reaction which followed disastrous com-  
petition, the Directors by prudent and  
economical management, as their oppor-  
tunities were, have turned the result has  
been that from something like 65 or 70 per  
cent discount, the shares of this Company  
rapidly advanced in value till they reached  
par, and this emboldened the Directors to  
issue new stock for the new steam-boat and  
other property which they had acquired,  
and for those they had paid out of the  
current profits, the new issue taking the  
form of a stock dividend of 50 per cent.

Public confidence in this undertaking has  
been so established, that the new stock is  
believed saleable at 10 per cent discount;  
that is, the share of Tls. 1,000, which about  
three years ago could be bought at about  
Tls. 300, is at the present moment worth  
Tls. 1,350. This rapid recovery from a  
state of apparently hopeless prostration,  
and to a condition of brilliant success and  
promise, is one of the proofs of the pros-  
perity which is sure to attend on com-  
panies which are really needed, and  
amongst which the competition is not ex-  
cessive. Nothing could be more hope-  
ful than the prospects of the S. S. N. Co.; but  
still we cannot undertake to forecast the  
future. The present arrangements by which  
the three important Steam Companies of  
Shanghai serve the public at reasonable  
rates, and which nevertheless yield them very  
considerable profits, are such as we think  
the general public approve of, and we do not  
know that either the public whose goods  
are carried, or the public who own the  
steamers, would benefit much by any  
sweeping change. The only sound condi-  
tion of any Company is that it should pay  
good steady profits, and the claim of events  
that at any time leads to steamers being  
lost at a loss or with insufficient profit,  
is to be deplored. Still, in enterprises like  
the S. S. N. Co., the head of their exist-  
ence is somewhat fragile. "Tramplings"  
come to an end, new Companies are readily  
formed, where large profits are to be made,  
and the struggle for existence is maintained  
with serious injury to all concerned in it.

The treaty entered into between the S.  
S. N. Co., the Union Steam Navigation  
Co., and the North China Steamer Co.,

shows how good a thing it is, especially for  
the shareholders, to dwell in unity and  
peace. The U. S. N. Co., is also an ex-  
emplification of the revival of prosperity;  
although its corporate existence it has  
had no misfortune to damp or even to  
temper its ardour, yet both the *Tientsin*  
and the *Hona* are steamers which also  
passed through hard times before they  
came into the hands of their present  
owners; but now they are employed with  
surprising success, and there is no reason  
to look forward to anything but a bright  
career in the future. The statement made  
yesterday at the half-yearly meeting—that  
a career of less than two years has sufficed  
to accumulate a reserve of Tls. 80,000 equal  
to half the paid-up capital, besides paying  
a dividend of 30 per cent—is a record of  
striking prosperity. It is undoubtedly ad-  
vantageous for the general public that none  
of our steam companies should have a  
monopoly of the carrying trade, and it is  
important for shareholders to have their  
unfolding imagination kept in check, by  
the continual presence of a rival Company.  
The wielding of absolute power generally  
recoils on the person who exercises it, and  
a competing Company is the surest means  
of maintaining satisfactory management.

The North China Steamer Co. is the  
latest project that has come before the  
public, although the steamers have been  
running to the North for several years. In  
their case, we think, they have always been  
to a greater or less extent successful, and  
there can scarcely be any doubt of the pros-  
perity of this company under the existing  
arrangements. It would be difficult to find  
better evidence of the success of our local  
companies than in the facilities offered by  
these three Steam Companies, and the  
handsome profits which they return to  
their shareholders. "Things seem now to  
have come in a general way to a state of  
equilibrium; and, as for the permanent  
interests of foreigners that they should  
continue in this condition, without any  
violent changes or rude shocks. The  
friendliness of the three companies is the  
surest guarantee for their future prosperity,  
and so long as that continues, we may ex-  
pect them to be maintained in an efficient  
condition and to yield satisfactory divi-  
dends."

We come now to touch upon a subject  
which from time immemorial in China, has  
invariably been identified with success and  
prosperity. We refer to Marine Insurance.  
There does not occur to us a single instance  
of failure, or of anything but extraordinary  
good fortune, in any of the companies that  
have been established in China. In the  
case of the Canton and Union Offices of  
the good old times, as they are called, the  
dividends were something almost fabulous,  
and even now, notwithstanding the addi-  
tional local Companies, there is no class of  
public enterprises that can show such uni-  
formly high profits. Indeed Marine Insur-  
ance seems to be the one thing in the East  
that has never had its period of adversity;  
it has never wavered between success and  
failure. Even now, when the China trade is  
as the term is, opened up, these companies  
continue to divide gigantic profits; and the  
basis on which they are founded is so satis-  
fying as to warrant us in confidently an-  
ticipating for them a







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## Via Southampton.

Under 4 ounces, 12 cents.  
Above 4 ounces and not exceeding 8 ounces, 24 "  
Above 8 ounces and not exceeding 12 ounces, 36 "  
Above 12 ounces and not exceeding 16 ounces, 48 "  
For every additional 4 oz., 12 "

## Via Marseilles.

Under 4 ounces, 16 cents.  
Above 4 ounces and not exceeding 8 ounces, 32 "  
Above 8 ounces and not exceeding 12 ounces, 48 "  
Above 12 ounces and not exceeding 16 ounces, 64 "  
For every additional 4 oz., 16 "  
Prepayment of the Postage is compulsory in each case.

F. W. MITCHELL,

Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, June 18, 1868.

1. It is hereby notified for general information that the Contract between the Government of Mauritius and the Union Steam-ship Company, for the Conveyance of Mails once a Month between Ceylon and Mauritius, and between Mauritius and Natal, having terminated, the correspondence for Mauritius will be forwarded from this Office in the Mail for Aden, from which it will be sent to its destination by the French Mail Packets leaving Aden for Reunion and Mauritius on the 23rd of each Month.

2. No alteration has been made in the rates of Postage on correspondence addressed to Mauritius.

3. As the communication with Natal and the Cape of Good Hope is thus cut off, the correspondence for those Colonies, unless marked to be forwarded by Private Ship, will, in future, be sent in the Mails for London at the following rates of Postage, which must be paid in advance, viz:-

Upon Letters sent by way of Southampton, 46 cents each 1/2 oz.  
When sent by way of Marseilles, 54 " "  
Newspapers via Southampton, 4 " "  
Newspapers via Marseilles, 6 " "  
Book Packets via Southampton, 10 " "  
Book Packets via Marseilles, 14 cents under 4 oz.; 28 cents above 4 oz. and not exceeding 8 oz.; and 20 cents for every additional 8 oz.

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F. W. MITCHELL,

Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, 9th September, 1868.

1.-On the 1st October next, and henceforward Money Orders will be issued at the Office and at the Agencies thereof at Shanghai and Yokohama, on all the Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom, Ireland, and the Colonies, for amounts not exceeding £10, at the rate of Exchange Current for each Mail, and charged with Commission according to the following Scale, viz:-

For sums not exceeding £2, 2 1/2 %  
Above £2 and not exceeding £5, 2 1/2 %  
" £5 " £10, 2 1/2 %  
" £10 " £20, 2 1/2 %  
" £20 " £50, 2 1/2 %  
" £50 " £100, 2 1/2 %  
" £100 and upwards, 2 1/2 %

2.-No Money Order to include a fractional part of a Penny.

3.-Orders drawn in the United Kingdom upon Hongkong, Shanghai, and Yokohama, will be paid at the rate of Exchange at which Money Orders are being issued at the time of their presentation.

4.-Alphabetical Lists of over 3,700 Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom, showing the Counties in which they are situated, are hung up for public reference at this Office, and also at Shanghai and Yokohama.

5.-Applicants for Money Orders must furnish, in full, the surname, and, at least, the initial of one Christian name, both of the Remitter and the Payee; if the Remitter or Payee be a Peer or a Bishop, his ordinary title will be sufficient; if a firm, the usual designation of such firm, such as "Baring Brothers" will suffice; but the mere term Messrs., such as "Messrs. Rivington," or the name of a Company trading under a title which does not consist of the names of the persons composing it, such as "Carron Co." is inadmissible.

6.-The Remitter on stating that the Order is to be paid only through a Bank, to have the option of giving, or withdrawing the name of the Payee in such case, the Order will be crossed in the same way that Cheques are commonly crossed when they are intended to be paid through a Bank.

7.-When an Order is presented through a Bank, a receipt by any person will be sufficient, provided the Order be crossed with the name of the receiving Bank, and be presented by some Person known to be in the employ of such Bank.

8.-The signature of the Payee of a Money Order to be affixed to the Order in the place provided for the purpose. If the Payee be unable to write he must sign the receipt by making his mark in the presence of a Witness, who must sign his name, with his address in the presence of the Officer who pays the Order.

9.-Should the Payee of a Money Order desire to receive payment in the Country in which the Order was issued, as some other Office than that in which the Order was originally drawn, the transfer will be granted, provided the Order be enclosed to the Postmaster of the Office in which it was drawn. In such case a written Order will be issued, the Commission chargeable upon which will be deducted from the amount of the new Order.

10.-In the event of a Money Order misarriving or being lost, a duplicate will be granted on a written application from the Payee, containing the necessary particulars, and accompanied by an additional Commission to the Office where the Original Order was payable.

11.-On the receipt of a similar application, orders will be given to stop payment

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of a Money Order, or to renew a lapsed Order. The additional Commission in the last case will be deducted from the amount of the new Order. Lapsed Orders must be presented with the application for a new Order.

12.-But when it is desired that any error in the name of the Remitter or Payee should be corrected or that the amount of a Money Order should be repaid to the Remitter, or that a lapsed Order should be renewed for payment in the Country in which the Order was originally drawn, application must be made to the Chief Money Order Office of such Country. This application must be accompanied by an additional Commission, unless it have reference to a Lapsed Order, in which case the Commission will be deducted from the amount of the New Order.

13.-Repayment whether of an original, or renewed, or a duplicate Order, will not be made to the remitter until it has been ascertained that the advice has been cancelled at the Office on which the Order was originally drawn.

14.-Payment of an Order must be obtained before the end of the Sixth Calendar Month after that in which it was drawn; for instance, if drawn in January, payment must be obtained before the end of July, otherwise the Order will become lapsed, and a new Order (for which a second Commission, to be deducted from the amount of the Order, will be charged) will become necessary.

15.-If an Order be not paid before the end of the Twelfth Calendar Month after that in which it was drawn, for instance, if drawn in January and not paid before the end of the following January—all claim to the Money will be forfeited, unless, under peculiar circumstances, the Post Office of the Country in which the Order was drawn think proper to allow it.

16.-After once paying a Money Order by whomsoever presented, the paying Office will not be liable to any further claim. If a wrong payment, however, be made owing to negligence on the part of any Officer of the Post Office, the Postmaster General of the Country or Colony in which the negligence occurs will, if he see fit, require the Officer in fault to make good the loss.

17.-No Money Order will be paid unless the advice has been previously received.

18.-Additional Rules for greater security against fraud, and for the better working of the system generally will be made as occasion may require.

19.-Should it appear that Money Orders are used by mercantile men, or others, either in the United Kingdom or at Hongkong, Shanghai, or Yokohama, for the transmission of large sums of money, the British or Colonial Post Office, as the case may be, will consider the propriety of increasing the Commission, and will exercise the power of wholly suspending for a time the issue of Money Orders.

By Command,

F. W. MITCHELL,

Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, 22nd August, 1868.

## Docks.

## HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to take notice that the Eight cash of Fifty Dollars on the new Stock of the above named Company is due on the 1st March next and will be payable at the office of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, where receipts for the payment thereof will be granted by the Manager.

Interest at the rate of Twelve per cent per annum will be changed after the above date.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
GEORGE N. MINTO,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 1, 1868. marl

## FOOCHOW GRANITE FLOORED DOCK.

THE above Dock has been in full working order for the last four years. Length 300 feet, width at bottom 40 feet, depth of water on the sill, springs, average 17 feet, neaps 14 feet. The Dock in ordinary Tides runs dry to the Blocks and is pumped out by Steam.

For further particulars as to the price of coffering, &c., &c., apply to  
F. D. TILLINGHAST, Esq., Messrs De Silve & Co., Hongkong; Messrs Boyd & Co., Shanghai; or to the Undersigned.

In connection with the above is the powerful Twin Screw Tug "WOOSEUNG." Vessels requiring the services of this Tug either from Matsou (where a splendid anchorage will be found during the S. W. monsoon) or from the White Dogs, can obtain them at moderate rates, on application to

JOHN C. SKEY,

Manager.

Pagoda Anchorage, River Min.

## THE UNION DOCK COMPANY OF HONGKONG &amp; WHAMPOA, LIMITED.

THE Company respectfully call the attention of Ship Owners, Consignees and Masters of Vessels, to their Establishment at Hongkong and Whampoa, for the DOCKING and REPAIRING of Vessels of all classes.

At Hongkong the Company have the only Dock in the harbour—a Granite Dock, solidly built, and of dimensions to admit Ships of 350 feet in length, and drawing 22 feet of water.

Attached to it there are Shipwrights, Blacksmiths, Boiler-makers and Machinery works, and everything necessary for the Repairs of Sailing Vessels or Steamers. The Company have also opened a Shipyard by the side of the Hongkong Dock, and are ready to contract for the construction of Steamers or Sailing Vessels of any size.

At Whampoa the Company have four Docks, in which they will take Ships at reduced rates.

The Steam Tug "LITTLE ORPHEAN" can be engaged to tow Vessels to sea, or berth them, at reasonable rates.

For particulars, apply to

JOHN INGLIS,

Acting Secretary.

Or to

A. D. MITCHELL,

Manager of Works.

Company's Office, H. Kong Hotel Building, Hongkong, October 10, 1868.

## Insurances.

## JOHAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LONDON.

Incorporated 1859.

CAPITAL, £1,000,000.  
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept Marine risks, and issue Policies at current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.  
Hongkong, June 8, 1867.

## ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED 1858.

CAPITAL, \$500,000.  
Managing Agents in China, Messrs. AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., Hongkong, Medical Referee, J. IVOR MURRAY, Esq., M.D.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Managing Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept risks and issue Policies on Life Assurances.

For further particulars, forms of proposals, &c., apply to  
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.  
Managing Agents in China.  
Hongkong, June 8, 1867.

## LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Marine Risks at current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.  
Hongkong, March 6, 1868.

## LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL, TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Coals in Mats, on Goods on board Vessels and on Halls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information apply to  
ARNHOLD KARBURG & Co.  
Agents Hongkong & Canton.  
Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

## JAVA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents at Hongkong and Canton for the above Company are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.

ARNHOLD KARBURG & Co.  
Hongkong, July 27, 1868. 27 Jan-69

## LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date the following Insurances, viz:-

Not exceeding one month, 1/2 of the Annual Rate.  
Above 1 month, and not exceeding three months, 2/3 "  
Above 3 months, and not exceeding six months, 3/4 "  
Above 6 months, and not exceeding 12 months, the full Annual Rate.

ARNHOLD KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents, Lancashire Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, January 14, 1868.

## PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

LIVERPOOL AND LONDON &amp; GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Companies at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$40,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein.

DODD & Co.  
Hongkong, September 28, 1868.

## NORTH CHINA INSURANCE Co.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company at the Ports of Tientsin and Kiang, are prepared to Grant Policies of MARINE INSURANCE at current rates.

DODD & Co.  
Tientsin, 10th August, 1868.

## IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$30,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.  
Hongkong, August 24, 1864.

## NOTICE.

## IMPERIAL FIRE OFFICE.

FROM and after this date the following Rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:-

Not exceeding 1 month, 1/2 of the annual rate  
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 2/3 "  
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 3/4 "  
Above 6 months, and not exceeding 12 months, the full annual rate.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

## IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.

UNTIL further notice the following Annual Rates will be charged for Fire Insurances, viz:-

Detached and Semi-detached Dwelling-Houses removed from the Town, and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.  
Other Dwelling-Houses used strictly as such, and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.  
Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their Contents, 1 per cent.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, March 6, 1868.

## Insurances.

## BOMBAY INSURANCE COMPANY AND FORBES &amp; CO'S CONSTITUENTS INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Companies are prepared to accept Marine risks on the usual terms.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.  
Hongkong, February 26, 1868.

## NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.

Detached and semi-detached Dwelling-Houses removed from Town, and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.

Other Dwelling-Houses used strictly as such, and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.

Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their Contents, 1 per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,  
Agents North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, March 9, 1868.

## NOTICE.

## NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date the following Insurances, viz:-

Not exceeding one month, 1/2 of the annual rate.  
Above 1 month, and not exceeding 3 months, 2/3 "  
Above 3 months, and not exceeding 6 months, 3/4 "  
Above 6 months, and not exceeding 12 months, the full Annual Rate.

GILMAN & Co.,  
Agents North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

## NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

ACCUMULATED FUNDS £2,233,927.

ANNUAL REVENUE £497,263.

THE Undersigned Agents at Hongkong for the above Company are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of \$10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same.

GILMAN & Co.  
Hongkong, June 21, 1864.

## MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

## NOTICE.

## MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

THE following Rates will be charged in future for short period Insurances, viz:-

Not exceeding 1 month, 1/2 per cent.  
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 2/3 do.  
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 3/4 do.  
Above 6 months, and not exceeding 12 months, the full annual rate.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, April 8, 1868.

## LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.

LIFE ASSURANCE.

THE Undersigned are authorised to issue Life Policies for sums not exceeding £5,000.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

## THE LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Corporation are prepared to grant Fire and Marine Insurances on the usual terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, December 20, 1867.

## LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.

THE following rates will in future be charged for Short Period Insurances:

One month, 1/2 per cent.  
Three months, 2/3 "  
Six months, 3/4 "  
Above 6 months, and not exceeding 12 months, the full Annual Rate.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

## HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date the following Rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:-

Not exceeding one month, 1/2 of the Annual Rate.  
Above 1 month, and not exceeding three months, 2/3 "  
Above 3 months, and not exceeding six months, 3/4 "  
Above 6 months, and not exceeding 12 months, the full Annual Rate.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

## THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

CAPITAL, TWO MILLION STERLING.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire, to the extent of £10,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.

MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.,  
Hongkong, May 20, 1868.

## Insurances.

## ALLIANCE FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date the following Rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:-

Not exceeding one month, 1/2 of the Annual Rate.  
Above 1 month, and not exceeding three months, 2/3 "  
Above 3 months, and not exceeding six months, 3/4 "  
Above 6 months, and not exceeding 12 months, the full Annual Rate.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Agents, Alliance Fire Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

## NOTICE.

## BRITISH AND FOREIGN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Insurance Company are prepared to grant Policies covering Marine risks at the current Rates. Policies can be made payable at all the principal ports throughout the World.

MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, November 7, 1867.

## NOTICE.

## THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE following Rates will be charged in future for short period Insurances, viz:-

Not exceeding 1 month, 1/2 of the annual rate.  
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 2/3 do.  
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 3/4 do.  
Above 6 months, and not exceeding 12 months, the full annual rate.

MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.,  
Agents the Queen Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, May 20, 1868.

## MERCHANTS MUTUAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, SAN FRANCISCO.

PAID UP CAPITAL, \$500,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong and China for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies at current Rates.

OLYPHANT & Co.  
Hongkong, August 9, 1867.

## NOTICE.

## GUARDIAN ASSURANCE COMPANY OF LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1821.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Company for Hongkong and Canton are prepared to grant Policies at current rates.

OLYPHANT & Co.  
Hongkong, July 17, 1868.

## ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

FIRE AND LIFE.

CAPITAL, £2,000,000.

(LIFE DEPARTMENT.)

£2 per cent. per Annum Bonus declared during the last Fifteen Years on all Profit participating Policies of Two Years' standing.



